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"THANKSGIVING"

Thanksgiving, celebrated sometime this month by most American people in the U.S.A., should be a real Thanksgiving for us all in our great institution.

Here we have many privileges that are not obtainable in some parts of the world. We are free to come and go as we please, live, eat and dress as we best can afford, read anything we have a mind to, in fact as long as we obey the laws and usages of the good old U.S.A. there are no restrictions for us.

This should make us pause at this time to offer some personal thanks, orally or mentally as we choose, but certainly some thanks are due to show our appreciation.

A fine American custom at Thanksgiving time is to remember someone, perhaps not so well able to celebrate as we are, and see that they are given an opportunity to be thankful; you will feel better for having helped someone.

HOUSE COMMITTEE PROGRAM

Tuesday evening, October 24th, saw the opening of the Season of Social Activities in the Nurses Residence.

The first programme of the season was "Open House" offered by the Committee on Current Events.

As the feature attraction Dr. Oswald Lowsley, Director of the Brady Urology Foundation, very generously showed us his pictures of Alaska and Haiti, accompanied by an extremely interesting commentary.

Beautifully colored films flashed across the screen bringing forth breathtaking "ohs" and "ahs." So little is left to be said about the success of Dr. Lowsley's photography.

A pleasant chat over attractively served refreshments and music brought to a close the first of many such pleasant evenings.

Watch your Bulletin Boards for further announcements. Everyone will be most cordially welcome.

MAY WE PRESENT



ANNA D. WOLF

The planning and building of this hospital is recognized as an enormous and spectacular piece of mechanical engineering. Less spectacular but equally impressive is the human engineering involved in the planning, reorganization and administration of its nursing service and school of nursing. This task presented a peculiar challenge in that several old institutions with their splendid records of service and traditions had to be combined into one enlarged and modern unit. Much that was old had to be preserved and re-set. Much that was new and experimental had to be established.

To accomplish this required a leader of wide vision and experience, sound judgment and deep human understanding. Such a person the Board of Governors through its nursing advisory committee was fortunate to find in Anna D. Wolf who was appointed Director of the School of Nursing and of the Nursing Service in 1931.

The wisdom and soundness of the foundations laid by Miss Wolf and the nursing advisory committee in the original plans for

the school and nursing service are shown by the fact that the program for patient care and the school curriculum have been carried out with but few changes.

Reviewing the history of Miss Wolf's life one is struck by the fact that each step in her experience has been a very definite preparation for the next. Born in India of missionary parents, we may find right here the secret of that tolerant and kindly interest in people from all lands, which makes the place of her abode a center of international hospitality. She received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Goucher College, and her nursing diploma from the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and her Master's degree from Teachers' College, Columbia University. She returned to Johns Hopkins Hospital where she served three years as instructor and assistant to the principal of the school of nursing.

In the summer of 1918 Miss Wolf was one of the instructors at the Vassar Training Camp for Nurses established to help meet the need for nurses created by the World War. In 1919 she was invited by the Rockefeller Foundation to reorganize the School of Nursing and the Nursing Service at the Peking Union Medical College in Peking, China, where a large share of her interest and influence still lingers.

On her return from China in 1925 she had another year of study at Teachers' College and a period of travel and observation in various hospitals and public health centers. In 1926 she was appointed associate professor of nursing in the University of Chicago and Director of Nursing of the University of Chicago Clinics where again she organized the nursing service and helped equip the hospital.

Miss Wolf has always had a keen sense of responsibility toward professional organizations having been active in alumnae, district, state, and national associations. She has served as a director of The National League of Nursing Education, as the first chairman of its Accrediting Committee, and is a member of the National Red Cross Ad-

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FORESIGHT

Most men complain of their estate in life; some that they never get a break; there are others who refuse to forget their youthful dreams of honors to be attained. It is contrary to all reasonable expectation that there could be a lifetime depression for this latter group since they fully appreciate the lack of 'status quo' in nature; we either progress or retrogress.

Most of us have tasted a period of life bright with possibilities and have prepared ourselves for a particular field of endeavor—that illusion has, in many cases, faded away as does a mirage before the eyes of a desert traveler. With the changing scenes, a great many have lost their way and now stand blissfully at meager springs passively awaiting a new mirage; a vast army have been lost in the sands; the seasoned travelers, the men with adequate intestinal fortitude, have never lost sight of their goals. These men retain their orientation. True, they may have stopped awhile in their physical progress but the mind has flown onward, is still moving ahead to make possible the consummation of the zealous dreams of youth.

You wonder at the simile? Simple, you have a job, you probably considered it as a temporary position, you now wonder if you might be in a rut. There can be no fear if you have spurred your mind forward to daily encompass new ideas, to read new books, to understand the work of the man beside you. It is you who are first considered for the better job. It is you who will be accepted — providing you have proven yourself adequate to the new position. Time alone does not prepare a man for increased

responsibilities. Daily participation in intellectual gymnastics shows good results.

A new 'esprit de corps' has been noticed of late. Quite a few people have moved upwards within the ranks. Your turn may come next — do you think you are prepared?

WITHOUT RHYME OR REASON

I had no shoes,

And I complained—

Until I met a man

Who had no feet

My work was hard,

The hours were long

And I complained

Until I met a man

Who had no job.

My boy had disobeyed—

A window was broken

And I complained

Until I met a man

Who had no son.

THURMAN B. RICE M.D.

PROTECTION FOR AN INVESTMENT?

"As the swift seasons roll," we leave tennis in the background—gone but not forgotten. After a seasonal pause for football, our thoughts will soon turn to ice hockey and ice skating. With that thought we hope that the administration of the Hospital may see fit to flood our tennis courts in order that the employees might enjoy hockey and skating.

If this tennis court area is to be transformed into an ice skating rink, thought must be given to two important things; first, the expensive tennis court equipment must have a good home to prevent deterioration and winter wear; second, would it not be possible to kill two birds with one stone by erecting in the northwest corner of the tennis court area a small house which might well serve both as a storage place for the tennis court equipment and also a small house where ice skating enthusiasts might change from their shoes to their ice skates.

We admit that it is conceivable that this tennis equipment might well be stored in the main Hospital during the winter, which would obviate the necessity of a small house for it. In this connection we feel that we may reasonably state that the tennis equipment may well suffer considerable damage and deterioration when it stands out in the rain during the summer. Is it not possible that we might well save the cost of the little house in thus storing our tennis gear the year round?

VOX-POP

Several inquiries have been made recently of the editors of *The Pulse* as to the advisability of having a "Vox Pop" in *The*

Pulse. We have, therefore, decided that we shall begin such a column. However, we wish to state quite plainly and definitely that we will not permit this column to be used as a means of the employees expressing Communistic or other unfavorable points of view.

Hereinafter the column will appear as often as we have the material to warrant it. The items for the "Vox Pop" column may be directed to the attention of any of the editors or the publisher of the paper, all of whom you will find listed in the Hospital telephone directory. Any Hospital employee shall have the privilege of submitting items. We hope that this innovation will prove of interest and satisfaction to us all.

YOUR CHRISTMAS REQUISITIONS

St. Nicholas will be here before long. With that thought in mind the Purchasing Department requests that you submit your requisitions for Christmas trees, wreaths, etcetera on or before Monday, December 4th.

May we point out that while the Administration of the Hospital sanctions the expense for trees and other decorations, there is a *limited* budget for the acquisition of Christmas supplies. We approach the Holiday season with the desire that Christmas at the New York Hospital shall be celebrated in the first place for the enjoyment and enhancement of the Holidays for our patients, and secondarily for those who live as well as work in and about our premises.

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ANNA D. WOLF

visory Committee to the nursing service. She is also a member of The Cosmopolitan Club and of the American Association for University Women.

In attempting to present this picture, certain characteristics seem to stand out clearly. These are her strong devotion to her profession, her keen perception in the choice of the right person for the right place; her ability to delegate responsibility and to share credit; and finally her powers of leadership. What is even more important to her colleagues and students is her understanding and personal interest. No day is too busy, no work too important, for her to stop, to listen, and to help. As one young nurse expressed it upon leaving her office "I can talk to her."

By such qualities Miss Wolf has created an atmosphere of security and happiness sensed by the most casual visitor, but appreciated by those most closely associated with her.



Laundry's PAT CANNON
ASKS - "WANNA BUY A DUCK"



HARRY KOHLER, (HKG.)
ON A REELING GOOD TIME



ANNA CHESLOCK, (HKG.)
SLACKS-UP A BIT.



MRS. KANJIAN, (LDX.)
YEAR 1925
"STYLE MARCHES ON"



"BRAIN TRUSTERS"
JOHNSON, BARRITT & CREAM, (ACCTG)
WORK ON ONE
NURSES-ATHLETES ALL



LOGAN & CALGIE
SHARE NEW SPECIMENS
FOR CENTRAL LABORATORIES



MARIE GANTER
& JANE ROZUMALSKI



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THE HOSPITAL INTERN

In every modern hospital the patients are under almost constant medical supervision. Years ago it was customary for hospital physicians and surgeons to visit their wards once a day, do what they could for the sick people under their care, then leave them to the tender mercies of attendants who had no medical knowledge and little interest in the patients' welfare. As time went on, untrained attendants were gradually replaced by trained nurses and better medical service was provided by having one or more doctors live in the hospital.

In France a resident doctor was called an "intern" and that name has come into general use to designate a person who has received a medical degree and is continuing his education by living and working in a hospital where the practical application of medical art and science are ever before him. An intern is a graduate student.

An internship is now considered an essential part of one's medical education; in some states at least a year's service in a hospital is required before a license to practice can be obtained. Under the intern-resident plan adopted by our Hospital it is not unusual for men to remain four or five years in order to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by an institution of this kind. The arrangement is mutually beneficial, for the Hospital could not carry on its many professional activities without the assistance of its House Staff. From the time a patient applies for admission to the day he is discharged a great amount of work is done in his behalf in order to be sure that the nature of his illness is thoroughly understood, that the best treatment is prescribed and properly carried out and that his progress towards recovery is satisfactory.

To determine these things many examinations must be made, many tests must be done and careful written records have to be kept of every detail relating to the case. On the surgical services much time is spent in doing dressings and assisting at operations. Certain members of the house staff are assigned to the Out-patient Department where hundreds of patients are seen every day and on all services the undergraduate students who are working as clinical clerks require no end of supervision and guidance. When you see an intern you are looking at a busy man.

These varied activities bear witness to the great advances made in the medical sciences in recent years. Not so long ago two years spent in a medical college entitled the student to an M. D. degree and many who received it went into practice at once. Their

further education was gained at the expense of their patients and the element of luck loomed large in determining the final outcome of many of their cases. Nowadays six to nine years of pre-medical and medical college work are required before a degree is granted, and the student is sent forth with a great fund of medical knowledge but very little idea about what to do with it.

The internship gives the finishing touch to his medical education by enabling him to apply what he has learned to the care and treatment of the sick and to train eyes and ears and hands for the delicate tasks they will have to do.

In every part of this country there are doctors who received their final training in this Hospital and who carried into their daily work with them the traditions, the ideals of an old and great Medical institution. Right now we have more than a hundred young men and women who will soon be ready to take their places in the ranks of those who are safeguarding our people's health. When they leave here others will replace them; may the chain never be broken.

HOSPI-TALES

Miss Frances MacKinnon of the University of Michigan Hospital at Ann Arbor, has joined our Nutrition Staff this fall in charge of the Out Patient Nutrition Clinic.

Miss Helen Corbitt and Miss Margaret Byrns of the Nutrition Department attended the Conference of Food Service Supervisors in Baltimore on November 3rd and 4th.

Miss Hannah McTameny of the House-keeping staff of the Nurses Residence has very calmly taken the news of a sizeable winning in the Irish Sweepstakes.

The Misses Anna D. Wolf, May Kennedy, Bessie A. R. Parker, Ruth Wilson and Weaver attended the Biennial State Nurses Association and annual State League of Nursing Education meetings in Buffalo during the week of October 16th.

Miss Mary McEnroe and Miss Katherine Steger, two of the attendants who have been on the O.P.D. staff since the opening of the hospital have resigned to enter other fields of endeavor.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Allister McLellan, a daughter on October 22nd.

Dr. and Mrs. Gustavus Humphreys, a son on October 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruegg, a daughter on October 11th. Mrs. Ruegg was formerly Adelelia Churchill Beale of the nursing class of 1936.

Efficiency Expert: "Sort these old letters into alphabetical order and then throw them away."

A READER'S COMMENT

We are now about to read the sixth issue of *The Pulse* and we all sincerely hope to read many more. *The Pulse*, practically in its infancy, seems to be gaining more friends every new issue. Why shouldn't it? This little paper certainly stirs up interest throughout the institution. Why, every member of the hospital seems to be talking about the different interesting articles, which are written by employees.

Now that the *Picture Pulse* has been added we like it all the more. Of course *The Pulse*, like any other magazine or newspaper will have its critics but in having them should thrive even more. I have taken it upon myself to represent the entire organization in saying that *The Pulse* is a credit to its editors.

Many thanks to the Editor and his associates for the hard work they have done in compiling and printing this little newspaper. Continued success with *The Pulse* can't miss. Keep it up girls and boys, we love it.

PICTURE PULSE

The innovation of *Picture Pulse* in our last issue has drawn much favorable and interesting comment. In order that we may answer the questions put to us about it, we give you the following details concerning it.

The *Picture Pulse* page is affected by the simple means of pasting ordinary prints of pictures on a sheet of paper, letterhead size. This sheet of paper with the pictures attached is photographed. From the negative of that photograph we make an impression on a zinc plate; the zinc plate is adapted to our multilith in the print shop and the complete picture page is run off by our good man, Bob Murphey. Those pictures which we use, of course cannot be returned to their owners as we take the liberty of cutting the corners of the pictures to make up our page.

There are no set rules as to what pictures shall appear on the page. Any employee who feels that he or she has a snapshot of merit is invited to submit same to the editors. We shall do our best to put your picture in the paper as soon as space is available. We specifically request that you refrain from sending in pictures which are not your own as it would be unkind to the subject of the picture for us to unwittingly display his picture without his knowledge. It is the plan to continue *Picture Pulse* as a regular feature of each issue.

Where is your picture?

In a college quiz a freshman answered "Anthony and Cleopatra" when asked to name two ancient sports.

ATTENTION EMPLOYEES

The New York Hospital Employees Activities has arranged an Employees Thanksgiving dance, to be held at the Hotel Taft, Grill Room, Nov. 22.

We invite all employees and their friends, the tickets are .75 cents per person.

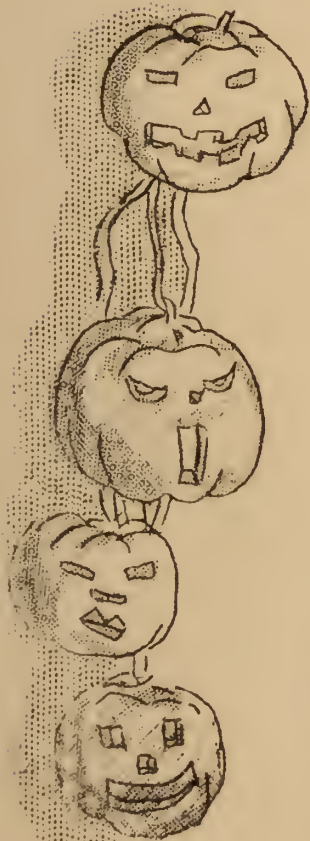
The dance will start at 10 P. M. and run until 3 A. M.

An excellent eight piece Orchestra will play for you and drinks will be served at the tables.

So, come One and All. Have a grand time with your fellow workers and friends in our traditional thanksgiving style.

Tickets may be purchased from your dept. head or your representative to the employees Activities Organization.

COUNCIL FOR NEW YORK HOSPITAL ~
EMPLOYEES ACTIVITIES.



RESEARCH REPORT

THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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A FRIEND OF THE BLIND

In a recent copy of the *New York Herald Tribune*, we read with inordinate pride of a worthy accomplishment of Mr. Augustine J. Smith, the Secretary of the Board of Governors of our Hospital. The article notes that Mr. Smith has recently completed the transcription by hand of ninety-six books into Braille. This work was started by Mr. Smith in 1924 to meet a relentless need for books for the blind. Two and one-half pages of Braille are needed for one page of the average book. On this basis, Mr. Smith's work to date totals 409 Braille volumes of 47,000 pages. We happen to know that on the average it requires something like one hour to transcribe eight pages which means a total of 6,000 hours or 250 days of 24 hours or 750 days of 8 hours.

It has been Mr. Smith's endeavor to create a pleasureable field of reading for younger children and with that thought in mind he has presented to them stories with historical truth and background of our country, what it grew from and what is going on in it to-day.

To those of us who work to meet life's everyday demands, it is a deep consolation to have a man of Mr. Smith's position apply himself so diligently to this task. The happiness which it must bring to the blind for him must be well felt satisfaction.

HANDBOOK OF APPLIED NUTRITION

The New York Hospital Handbook of Applied Nutrition has been carefully revised by the Department of Nutrition with the cooperation of the staffs of the Departments of Medicine, Surgery, Urology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Pediatrics. In addition to the complete revision of diets, much new material has been added on vitamin requirements and vitamin content of foods. Tables have been included giving the average percentage composition of single foods and approximate percentage composition of combined foods. Suggested menus are given for all diets which should be particularly helpful to physicians prescribing diets for their patients.

The new third edition contains 136 pages of hospital diets, test procedures and routines, bound in book form for convenient use in our hospital and by general practitioners.

Dr. George W. Wheeler in the foreword states the importance of nutrition in the modern hospital which he says "is due largely to the great advances made in recent years in the science of Dietetics, the wealth of information about vitamins and other essential food elements that is now available

and the knowledge that certain diseases are caused solely by food deficiencies and can be prevented or cured by properly selected diets. Thus we find diet therapy taking its rightful place among other recognized forms of treatment."

It is hoped that our own staff members who have been so largely responsible for its compilation by contributing from their own clinical experience will continue to find our Handbook of Applied Nutrition useful. The book will now also be available to the many institutions and individuals who are constantly requesting information from our hospital and as Dr. Wheeler states "it is hoped . . . that it will simplify the nutrition problems of others to have for reference these diets which have proved beneficial here at The New York Hospital."

The book may be obtained from Miss Selma Fondiller, secretary of the Department of Nutrition, Room L-203. The price is \$2.00 per copy. For a limited time a special price of \$1.50 is being made to those associated with The New York Hospital or Cornell University Medical College.

THE HOSPITAL GIFT SHOP

This is the initial "pulsation" of the Gift Shop in *The Pulse*, and this opportunity is quickly taken advantage of recording our appreciation of the loyal readers of *The Pulse* who patronize the shop.

We are always ready and willing to serve.

May we announce that The Gift Shop will be closed on November 23rd, Thanksgiving Day in this state.

Look for our Christmas display.

We are grateful to *The Pulse* for the chance to greet "All our Friends."

HOSPI-TALES

The Central Laboratories announce the recent marriage of Marjorie Allen to Ralph L. Kaskell, Jr. Miss Allen is in charge of the Blood Bank and returned to her position after a honeymoon on Cape Cod.

Ruth Lindquist, formerly of the Central Laboratories bacteriology laboratory, has resigned to become the bride of Gardner Dales of Niagara Falls. The couple will make their home in Buffalo. Before Miss Lindquist left, she was given a party shelf shower by the other members of the department.

As our new Assistant Superintendent, we welcome Dr. John B. Pastore, who, as of November 1st occupied his office in H122.

Mrs. Edith Stephenson, former secretary of the Out Patient Department Nursing Service, is one of the parties responsible for the manufacture of our Graduate Nurses' caps,

Miss Sylvia Kristensen is the new blond who works in the Purchasing Department.

Congratulations to Mr. Merrick Wells for his appointment as Assistant to the Administrator. A watchful eye on the mechanics of the Accounting Department is his assignment.

In her new book, "Metropolis," Mary Field Parton devotes a chapter to our institution in picturing institutions of New York City.

An illustrated account of The New York Hospital appeared in Stockholm's leading paper following Miss Wolf's recent visit there.

Empty show cases in our Main lobby are barren witnesses to the fact that the models of the New York Hospitals are now the keynote of an effective display in Macy's window done on behalf of the United Hospital Fund drive.

ATHLETICS

After several postponements, the Julia Richman H. S. held Open House for our new Athletic Association. Four basketball contests were held with much sport shown and questionable skill offered. The General Stores team routed the Orderlies and wore out a few pencils keeping score.

The Main Kitchen-Nurses Residence game was fairly representative of the evening's competition. The match was wild to say the least with much football shoulder work in evidence. There was a good deal of perspiration and little technique with the formations resembling heavy mob scenes. George Vishner and Al Masters did some nice passing for appreciable gains and 'G Man' Crutch had decided opinions about fouls and roughhouse.

Ernie Yanega was referee for the game between the Elevator Operators and The Messengers, a good first game with real promise shown in the handling of the ball. Since there were few penalties called the game was very fast. Joe Coyle and Gerard Bergen of the Messengers showed up very well. Danny Hayes (who we understand has been on the Yankee Farm) and Harry Wirnshofer gave competition for the E.O. squad.

The pool was rather popular with the diving board getting a good work-out; the men showing fair end-of-the-season form.

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Speaking of vicious circles:—

"Rags make paper,
Paper makes money,
Money makes banks,
Banks make loans,
Loans make poverty,
Poverty makes rags."

THE BARBER SHOP

"Hello, Barber Shop,"—this is the cheery reply to all calls to the barber shop, located in room F162. Mr. Louis Navazio, a veteran of thirty years service with the Hospital, is the manager of the shop. Louis may well be recognized as he makes his rounds throughout the building with his handbag containing his barber's equipment. Short of stature and bald of pate mark him a true barber.

The main standby in the skill of haircutting is that efficient tonsorial artist, Rocco Ricciardi. Rocco has been with the Hospital since its establishment here in 1932. He boasts of a prodigious memory for the execution of the different styles of haircuts demanded by his many clients. Popular and well known among the personnel of the Hospital, he can be recognized by the rather "sharpie" bow tie he wears, which incidentally we are told he has confiscated from his sons.

Two newcomers, Ernest Giovannelli and Carmine Imperatore, complete the personnel of the barber shop. We would be remiss to neglect to mention the genial shoe shine man, Michael Cirone. Shines with a word or two of philosophy are his forte.

The barber shop is that little corner on the first floor where all international situations and problems are expounded and solved. For the price of one haircut the customer is given a special lecture on the above problems and their solutions plus one good haircut, all for the price of fifty cents.

ANOTHER AND A BETTER DINNER

The Engineering Department did itself up proud at its last dinner if one may estimate from the favorable comments and the quantity of food consumed. The menu amply fulfilled all promises made. The inner man of all present seemed to be satisfied to the fullest. The cuisine would have satisfied any gourmand, suffice to say the cows lived up to their advance notices.

Louis "Oomph" Stern and John "Gable-Ears" Davitt featured for the Swish Artistes Supreme. From an unexpected source came entertainment of another day: Charles Wendell, in the Sartorial perfection of a "Dandy of the Gay Nineties" gave those gathered about the festive board a retrospective glance into the Mauve Decades. His Cake Walk and Strutting dated him definitely.

By the way, we wonder whether or not Good Time Charley returned his Topper and Full Dress Tails, back to the place where he rented them, or whether he had

to forfeit his deposit. The above mentioned Stars climaxed a Star Studded Programme.

I. Harris defied all the notes in both the treble and bass clefs with his One Man Band. O'Keefe, Crofton and Hernandez offered their repertoire of dance steps. Burke, Donovan and Hernandez (Double Throat) tried to prove that Old Adage "Songs that soothe the Savage Breast." All the above were capably introduced by H. Kelly, Master of Ceremonies.

The Committee, F. Koster, J. J. Kelly, F. Winkler, F. Healy and J. Regan deserves this public commendation for fostering this unparalleled dinner. Our thanks go out to you for your unsparing efforts in sponsoring this Unification Dinner to help the men of all Departments to get acquainted and thus unite them in the solidarity of Good Will.

We hope that all of you will be present at our next dinner, which will be held some time in March 1940.

BOWLING ALONG

We have another feather in our hat in intra-mural sports. The Main Kitchen has developed a bowling team that is now rightfully running around with a chip upon its shoulder. Captained by Leo Milano, the team lines up as follows: Joe Crutch, Joe Costa, George Vishner, Frank Veverka and Leo Verski.

On October the 5th, the Main Kitchen defeated the Residence D.R. help by 112 pins for a total of three games, honors going to the captain with a 172 average. A return bout on the 19th, brought the Main Kitchen down to defeat by 67 pins. The reverse was somewhat salved by the fact that one of the aces, Leo Verski of the Diet Kitchen, was on the convalescent list.

A third match is scheduled although Captain Milano claims there is no competition. A further statement is proffered challenging any other bowling team in the Hospital. All contestants are welcomed — strong ones in proportion.

TROPHY TEA

The center piece of the Tea Table was two gleaming trophy cups in a setting of maroon oak leaves. There was a crackling fire and from the cabinet radio came Sunday afternoon symphony. This was held in the Student Lounge of the Nurses Residence on Sunday afternoon, October 29th.

Back in September when it was still warm and summer-like, the annual fall tennis tournament among the nurses of The New York Hospital got under way. Slowly the brackets were filled with winners and losers of the matches and on September 14th

with a raw wind whistling about our ears we watched the two finalists in a hard fought exciting match. Ruth Swanker of Samaritan Hospital, the winner, played an agile game, getting shot after shot back over the net somehow and maintaining a steadiness of game which is difficult for those not accustomed to the psychological pressure of tournament play.

Thelma Denniston, of the Nutrition Department, played with a graceful ease but was lacking the steadiness of Miss Swanker which made the final score of 6-3, 8-6, in favor of Miss Swanker. Miss Swanker's cup will be on display at the desk in the residence for a few days and Miss Denniston's is on its way to California to grace the mantlepiece of its owner who will soon be a bride.

And so we say farewell to Tennis until next fall.

"TELEPHONE NUMBERS"

The total number of outgoing calls passing through the main hospital switchboard has been reduced by the gratifying sum of 20 per cent since the introduction of the policy governing personal calls.

The number of personal local calls chargeable, represents 15 per cent of the remaining volume and jumps as high as 18½ per cent Saturdays, which for most of us is a half day.

A number of persons in our group are interested in reducing these personal "Tete-a-tete" namely, the Administration, the Accounting Department who has to bill and collect from these personal call makers and our vigilant friends at the telephone board, the operators.

This country boasts many mathematical wizards. We charge any to discern how these operators kept such a constant march of numbers in a state of mobilization with the existing facilities.

Some of our business friends and relatives of our patients have complained of being unable to reach a certain source from the outside. We are assured that at least 15 per cent of this difficulty is caused by trunk lines being occupied to conduct telephonic communications of a personal nature on the part of our employees.

We suggest a rule to make life less complicated for all involved. If the number of your personal call is not listed in the hospital interdepartmental directory, wait until you are passing one of the conveniently located public phone booths—look it up and while you are there call it up. If you find you do not have a nickel, give it up, (the number).

Remember that your neighbors have troubles enough without loading yours on them.